

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1635
LUZ MONTESCLAROS et al.)
Serial No.: 10/618,493) Examiner: RICHARD SCHNIZER, Ph.D.
Filed: July 11, 2003) Confirmation Number: 5407
For: **METHODS AND KITS FOR**)
OBTAINING NUCLEIC ACID)
FROM BIOLOGICAL)
SAMPLES)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2007, (the "Office Action"). No fee is due at this time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (Order No. 5063).

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